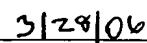


FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (REV. 10-2003)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		12928/10026
		10/574258 To be assigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2004/02388	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 September 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 30 September 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A LATTICE REINFORCING DEVICE, AND THE USE OF SUCH A DEVICE IN A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Angelo BEATI; Thierry MULLER; Jean-Francois RONDEPIERRE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification and marked up version thereof. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Search Report 		

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The following fees are submitted:			
21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee \$ 300.00 \$ 300.00			
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee —If International preliminary exam report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33/(1)(4)..... \$ 100.00 —All other situations..... \$ 200.00 \$200.00			
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee —Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as ISA..... \$ 100.00 —International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... \$ 400.00 —All other situations..... \$ 500.00 \$400.00			
TOTAL OF (21), (22), & (23) = \$900.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.			
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE
-100	/50=		x \$250 \$
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).			\$
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total Claims	7 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00 \$
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00 \$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00 \$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$900.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			
			SUBTOTAL = \$900.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).			\$
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$900.00			
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet. \$40.00 per property.			\$40.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$940.00			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.			Amount to be refunded: \$
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>11-0600</u> in the amount of \$940.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.			Amount to be charged \$940.00
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>11-0600</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.			
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.			
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: KENYON & KENYON One Broadway New York, New York 10004 CUSTOMER NO. 26646		 SIGNATURE John M. Vereb (Reg. No. 48,912) NAME  DATE	